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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1, 2, 5, 7-14, and 16-21 in the subject application by the Examiner with appreciation. The Applicant points out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that claims 1, 2, 5, 7-14, and 16-21 are allowable. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, see Supplemental Notice of Allowability, Feb. 22, 2006, to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. However, the Applicant does not necessarily acquiesce or agree in any manner as to the comments made by the Examiner regarding what the prior art does or does not teach. In addition, the Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended to, or has the effect of, limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is

intended to, or has the effect of, limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

The Applicant respectfully points out that in reciting the dependent claims which are necessarily allowed based on the allowance of independent claims 1, 10, 13, and 17, the Examiner omitted the listing of dependent claims 11 and 12, which depend on independent claim 10. The Examiner stated, "Claims 2, 5, 7-9, 14, 16 and 18-21 depend on these [1, 10, 13 and 17] independent claims above. Therefore, they are allowed for the same reasons." Supplemental Notice of Allowability, Feb. 22, 2006, p. 4 (emphasis added). The Applicant believes that the omission of claims 11 and 12 from this list was merely an inadvertent omission by the Examiner because the Examiner clearly recited on page 3 of the same Office Action that "[c]laims 1, 2, 5, 7-14 and 16-21 are allowed." Id. at 3 (emphasis added).

Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Applicant's specification. As the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against the applicant seeking and obtaining allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicant reserves the right to file.

Respectfully submitted,

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